

## **VI. COMMUNITY FACILITIES PLAN ELEMENT**

### **A. Introduction**

The Community Facilities Plan Element shows the existing and proposed location and type of educational or cultural facilities, historic sites, libraries, firehouses, police stations and other related facilities, including their relation to the surrounding areas. This Element summarizes the community facilities that provide essential services to residents of the Township of Florence. This includes educational, historic, social, hospital, emergency, institutional, and recreation facilities. This plan also describes the current operation and capacity of the facility and the improvements needed to meet the future needs of the community.

The Community Facilities Plan Element identifies community facilities within Florence Township that are identified on **Figure VI-1. Community Facilities Map**. Significant regional facilities in relatively close proximity to the Township are listed under the Regional Facilities Inventory and are not mapped.

### **B. Inventory of Township Facilities**

#### **1. Roebling Elementary School**

The Roebling Elementary School is located at 1330 Hornberger Avenue and is within the Florence Township Public School District. The school provides public education to residents of the Township for grades pre-kindergarten to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. The school features a library and a combined auditorium/gymnasium. Additional information on Roebling Elementary School is provided in section XIII. Educational Facilities Plan Element of this 2022 Master Plan.

#### **2. Florence Riverfront Middle School**

The Florence Riverfront Middle School is located at 500 East Front Street and is within the Florence Township School District. The school provides education to students in 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Additional information on Florence Riverfront Middle School is provided in section XIII. Educational Facilities Plan Element of this 2022 Master Plan.

#### **3. Florence Township Memorial High School**

The Florence Township Memorial High School, 1050 Cedar Lane, provides education to students in 9<sup>th</sup> grade and 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Additional information on Florence Township Memorial High School is provided in section XIII. Educational Facilities Plan Element of this 2022 Master Plan.

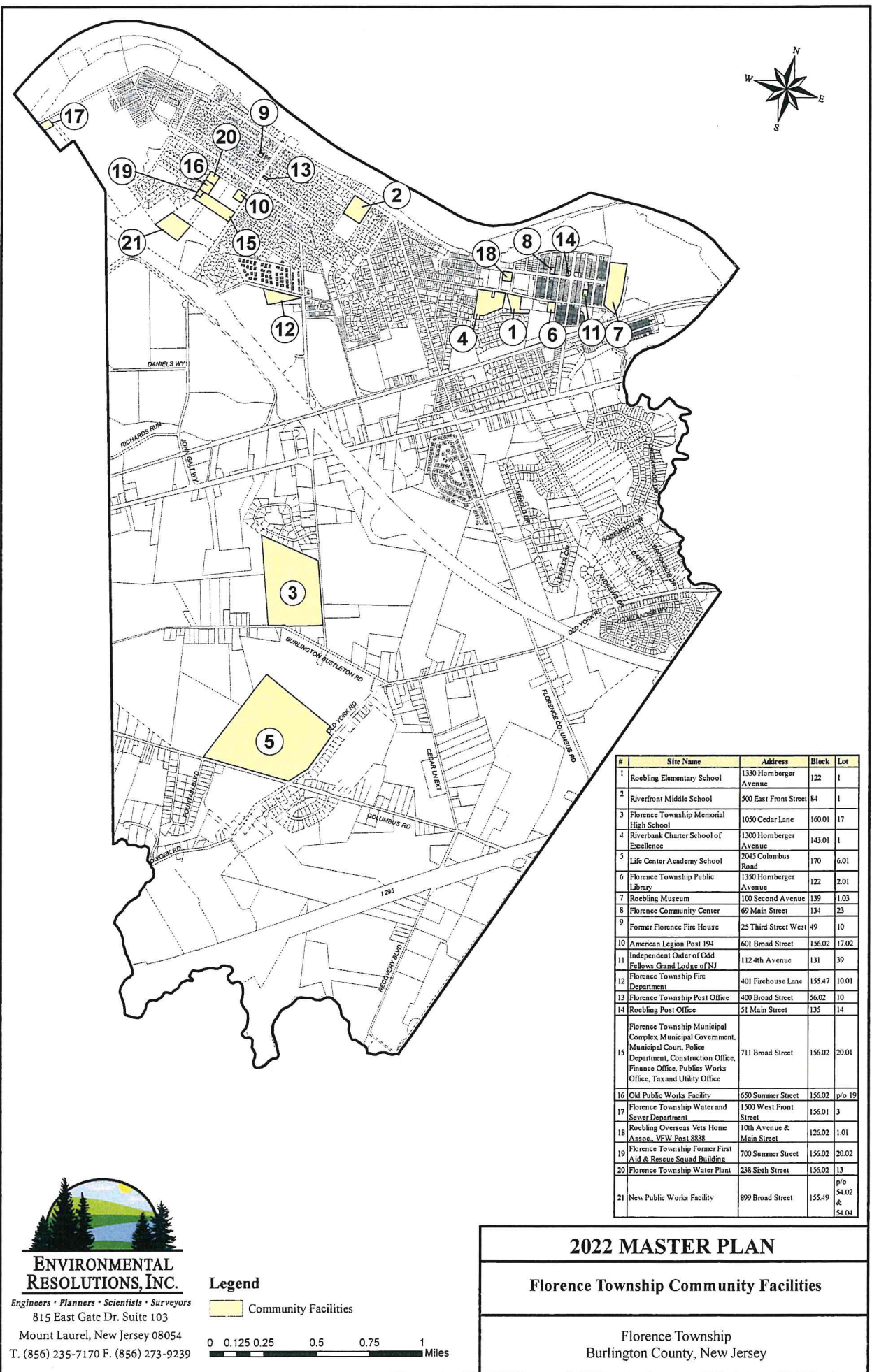


Figure VI-1. Community Facilities Map

#### **4. Riverbank Charter School**

The Riverbank Charter School located at 1300 Hornberger Avenue is the only charter school in the Township. Additional information on Riverbank Charter School is provided in section XIII. Educational Facilities Plan Element of this 2022 Master Plan.

#### **5. Life Center Academy School**

The Life Center Academy School, 2045 Columbus Road, is the only private school in the Township. The school is an "Assembly of God" church which educates students between the grades of pre-kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The school had an enrollment of 251 students with 25 teachers during the 2018-2019 school year.

#### **6. Florence Township Public Library**

The Florence Township Public Library, 1350 Hornberger Avenue, is a member branch of the Burlington County Library system. The library has a circulation of 26,131 physical books, as well as a selection of audio, video, and other electronic media. Seven computers for public use are also available. The library's 2020 budget was \$107,172. Funding comes primarily from the Township, but some revenue comes from state and other funding sources. The library also hosts 40 community programs, which includes children's reading programs, senior programs, and art classes.

#### **7. Roebling Museum**

The Roebling Museum was opened in 2009, following a partnership between the Roebling Historical Society, Florence Township, and the United States EPA. The EPA has been involved in a cleanup of the grounds of the former Roebling Kinkora Works since 1985, and in 1995 the Roebling Historical Society began meeting with the EPA to discuss ways to incorporate historic preservation and adaptive reuse into the cleanup project. At the request of the Historical Society, the EPA agreed to rehabilitate the original Roebling gatehouse for it to serve as a museum showcasing the history of the Roebling Steel facility. The museum has been operational since its opening in 2009. The museum is open daily for tours, where visitors can see artifacts recovered from the Kinkora works cleanup, historic documents and images, and watch a short film prepared by the museum staff. The museum also conducts walking tours of portions of the Roebling Steel plant and Village of Roebling. Other public events include an annual classic car show, a weekly lecture series, and a youth STEM summer day camp.

## **8. Community Center**

The Community Center is located at 69 Main Street in the Village of Roebling. The Community Center is a refurbished and renovated 100 year old auditorium that was once the main source of entertainment for workers who labored at nearby Roebling Steel Mills. When the village began to evolve into private homes and businesses, the building was ultimately owned by the Roebling Fire Company. Members of the Roebling Fire Company cared for the structure for decades and because of their responsible stewardship, the building was a prime candidate for the municipality to complete renovations in order to prepare it for public use. The hall features an auditorium and a kitchen.

The building is now the Florence Township Community Center and the large assembly hall portion of the building is named Fireman's Hall after the brave and responsible volunteer firefighters who made sure the building would survive for future generations to enjoy. In 2012, Mayor and Township Council decided the building needed a new partner to help manage public access so the Township began a partnership with police officers and members of the Florence Township Fraternal Order (FOP) of Police Lodge 210 to manage the Community Center to insure the building is accessible.

## **9. Former Florence Firehouse**

The former Florence Township Firehouse is located on West 3rd Street. The building once was also utilized as the Township Garage and Police building but is now utilized by the Florence Historical Society. The Florence Historical Society is responsible for documenting the historic resources of Florence Township to preserve the heritage of the Township. The Historical Society holds monthly meetings and hosts public open house events to showcase the organization's collections and publications. The Florence Historical Society also operates a book commission that has produced two books of historical images and descriptions of the Township. The Historical Society maintains a collection of historic materials including early land records, family genealogy records, newspaper clippings, and records of early social organizations.

## **10. Francis W. Robbins American Legion Post 194**

American Legion Post 194 is located at the corner of Broad Street and West 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Florence. The American Legion is a nonprofit service organization comprised of veterans of the armed forces, and members meet monthly. The organization conducts fundraisers for veterans' organizations and the community, including an annual car show.

## **11. Independent Order of Odd Fellows Grand Lodge of New Jersey**

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) Grand Lodge of New Jersey is located at 112 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Roebling. The IOOF is one of the oldest fraternities in the world. The non-political and non-sectarian order was founded based on universal brotherhood. The order stresses the importance of the principles of Friendship, Love, and Truth. Willits-Hogan-Tonne American Legion Post 39 still retains a lease of the facility.

## **12. Florence Township Fire Department**

The Florence Township Fire Department is headquartered at 401 Firehouse Lane and provides fire and emergency medical services to the Township. Years ago, there were three Fire Companies in the Township: Florence Fire Company #1, Florence Fire Company #2 (aka Florence Station) and Roebling Volunteer Fire Company #3. The three companies agreed to consolidate and create a new fire company: Florence Township Volunteer Fire Company Number 1. Effective January 1, 2006, the Florence Emergency Squad and the Roebling Rescue Squad dissolved to become part of the new company and on July 2006, they moved into their new Firehouse at 401 Firehouse Lane. The Fire Department has one Fire Chief who is a volunteer. The Battalion Chief is a career employee as is the Fire Lieutenant and approximately six or seven firefighters. The Emergency Medical Services staff has a volunteer Captain and two Lieutenants. Staffing is 24-7 with per diem EMS. The department operates two command vehicles, two fire engines, one tower ladder truck, one rescue truck, one 3,000 gallon tanker truck, two state certified ambulances, one boat for Delaware River operations, one fire police vehicle, and three support vehicles. The department provides fire prevention services including public education programs and smoke detector inspection and installation.

## **13. Florence Post Office**

The Florence Township Post Office is located at 400 Broad Street. This location provides limited counter service inside and mail drop-off bins outside.

## **14. Roebling Post Office**

The Roebling Post Office is located at 51 Main Street in Roebling. This location provides limited counter service inside and mail drop-off bins outside.

## **15. Florence Township Municipal Complex**

The Florence Township Municipal Complex is located at 711 Broad Street, and it serves as both the seat of government for the Township and the center for the majority of municipal services, including the construction office, Township clerk, municipal court, recreation department, public works, and the tax

and utility office. Township athletic fields are located to the north, west and south of the municipal building.

The Florence Township Police are headquartered at the municipal complex on Broad Street. The department has 31 sworn officers, three chaplains, and a police canine. Residents can visit the police department for a variety of permits including for a disabled parking placard, dumpster installation, handgun purchases, and bicycle registration. The department operates a community policing program, which involves a variety of community outreach opportunities such as the Youth Police Academy and a “Coffee with a Cop” meet and greet event. The police department offers a service to senior citizens called “Operation Reassurance” which allows them to request a daily check-in phone call with a police officer, and a DARE program which provides substance abuse education to students at Florence Public Schools.

#### **16. Florence Public Works**

The Florence Township Public Works Department is headquartered at the municipal garage and recycling center on Summer Street. The public works department provides maintenance to Township infrastructure including roads, buildings, parks, and stormwater structures. Seasonally, the public works department provides curbside leaf collection and snow removal on public roads. The department also provides regular curbside collection of common recycling and trash, and collection of bulky waste, electronics, brush, and other items by appointment.

#### **17. Florence Township Water and Sewer Department**

The Florence Township Water and Sewer Department is located at the sewage treatment plant at 1500 West Front Street. The Water and Sewer Department provide potable water and sewage treatment for residents and businesses in the water and sewer service areas. The water supply and sewage treatment facilities provided by the Township are described in detail in section IV. Utility Service Plan Element of this 2022 Master Plan.

#### **18. Veterans of Foreign Wars Lodge Roebing Overseas Vets Home Association, VFW Post 8838**

The Roebing Overseas Vets Home Association Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW Post 8838) Lodge is located at Tenth Avenue and Main Street in Roebing. The VFW is a nonprofit service organization comprised of current and former members of the armed forces. VFW members participate in advocacy work, fundraising, and community engagement. The lodge is currently closed.

## **19. Florence Township Former First Aid and Rescue Squad Building**

The Florence Township Former First Aid and Rescue Squad Building is located at 700 Summer Street, however, the facilities that were situated in the building were moved to the Fire Department facility on 401 Firehouse Lane. The building is currently vacant.

### **C. Recreation Facilities**

The existing and proposed public recreation facilities serving the residents of the Township of Florence are inventoried in detail and located on the Florence Township Parks, Playgrounds, and Open Spaces map in section VII. Recreation Plan Element of this 2022 Master Plan. This section focuses primarily on the recreational programs offered by the Township.

The Township organizes a variety of youth sports leagues throughout the year. Boys' baseball teams are organized by age groups, and skill levels include tee-ball, coach-pitch, and Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth leagues. Baseball teams use facilities at Eugene A. Olaff Field, Veterans Park, Water Works Field, Woodlawn Field, R.D. Wood Field, and Nykita Field. Girls' little league softball is also organized, and the softball teams utilize Munchowski Field, Veteran's Field, and Legion Field. Football teams are organized into flag and tackle football teams based on age. The football teams practice and play games at Veterans Park. The Florence soccer teams are divided into four leagues based on age groups. A travel soccer league is also available to residents who choose to participate. The Township organizes an annual basketball program and cheerleading which practices in the gyms of the Riverfront Middle School and the Roebling Elementary School. Girls' field hockey fields are at the southern end of the park, next to the public works garage.

The Township organizes a two-week summer youth program for residents in grades 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> called the Florence Township Field Days. The program includes sports and other recreation activities at Township parks, as well as outings to locations such as the Trenton Thunder minor league baseball game and the Adventure Aquarium in Camden.

### **D. Regional Facilities Inventory**

#### **1. Rowan College at Burlington County**

The primary campus of Rowan College at Burlington County is in Mount Laurel, and the closest satellite campus to Florence Township is located in Willingboro. Rowan College at Burlington County is an accredited community college offering Associate and Bachelor level courses, professional and workforce development courses, adult basic education classes, high school equivalency testing, as well as senior education programs.

## **2. Burlington County Public Library**

The Burlington County Public Library system consists of eight branches and seven member libraries which share circulation. Branches of the County library are accessible to all County residents. The Bordentown branch of the County library is the closest to Florence Township. The Burlington County Library system has a shared circulation of 702,288 books and a wide variety of audio, video, and other media resources. Computers are publicly accessible at branch locations as well. The library hosts public programs for children, adults, and seniors at the Bordentown location.

## **3. Virtua Willingboro Hospital**

The Virtua Willingboro Hospital is located in Willingboro Township, 8.4 miles from the Florence Township municipal building. This hospital provides a full range of health services, including emergency care, surgery, orthopedic care, imaging, and radiology. The hospital is also designated by the NJ Department of Health as a primary stroke center. Additionally, an affiliated primary care facility, with two general practice doctors and one orthopedic doctor, is located nearby at 200 Campbell Drive.

## **4. Virtua Memorial Hospital**

The Virtua Memorial Hospital is a full-service hospital located in Mount Holly Township, 11.6 miles from the Florence Township municipal building. Services provided include emergency care, maternity care, surgery, radiology, pediatric care, and outpatient procedures. Specialty programs at the hospital include neurosurgery, stroke care, orthopedics, and cardiology. This hospital is a NJ Department of Health designated primary stroke center.

## VII. RECREATION PLAN ELEMENT

### A. Introduction

The **Recreation Plan Element** of the Master Plan shows a comprehensive system of areas and public sites for recreation. Information obtained for this plan element was obtained from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Program, Martin Eckert Jr., Township of Florence Recreation Director, the Township Website, and site investigations.

### B. Inventory of Existing Parks and Recreation Areas

The following parks and recreation areas are currently available in the Township of Florence. Parks and recreation areas that are listed on the most recent Green Acres Program Recreation and Open Space Inventory (ROSI) are identified as are those that are not listed. The locations of the Township's Parks, Playgrounds, Open Spaces and Recreation Sites are shown on *Figure VII-1. Parks, Playgrounds, Open Space and Recreation Sites*.

#### *Parks, Playgrounds, open Spaces and Recreation Sites Township of Florence*

<b>Site ID Number</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Site Name</b>	<b>R. D. Wood Playground</b>
<b>Block/Lot</b>	<b>Block 6, Lot 1</b>
<b>Road Location</b>	<b>Front Street at Union</b>
<b>Site Acreage</b>	<b>0.621 Acres</b>
<b>Listed on ROSI?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Facilities at Site</b>	<b>Fenced, Soft Surface Playground, Benches, Drinking Fountain, Picnic Tables, Benches.</b>



*Site 1. R. D. Wood Playground.*

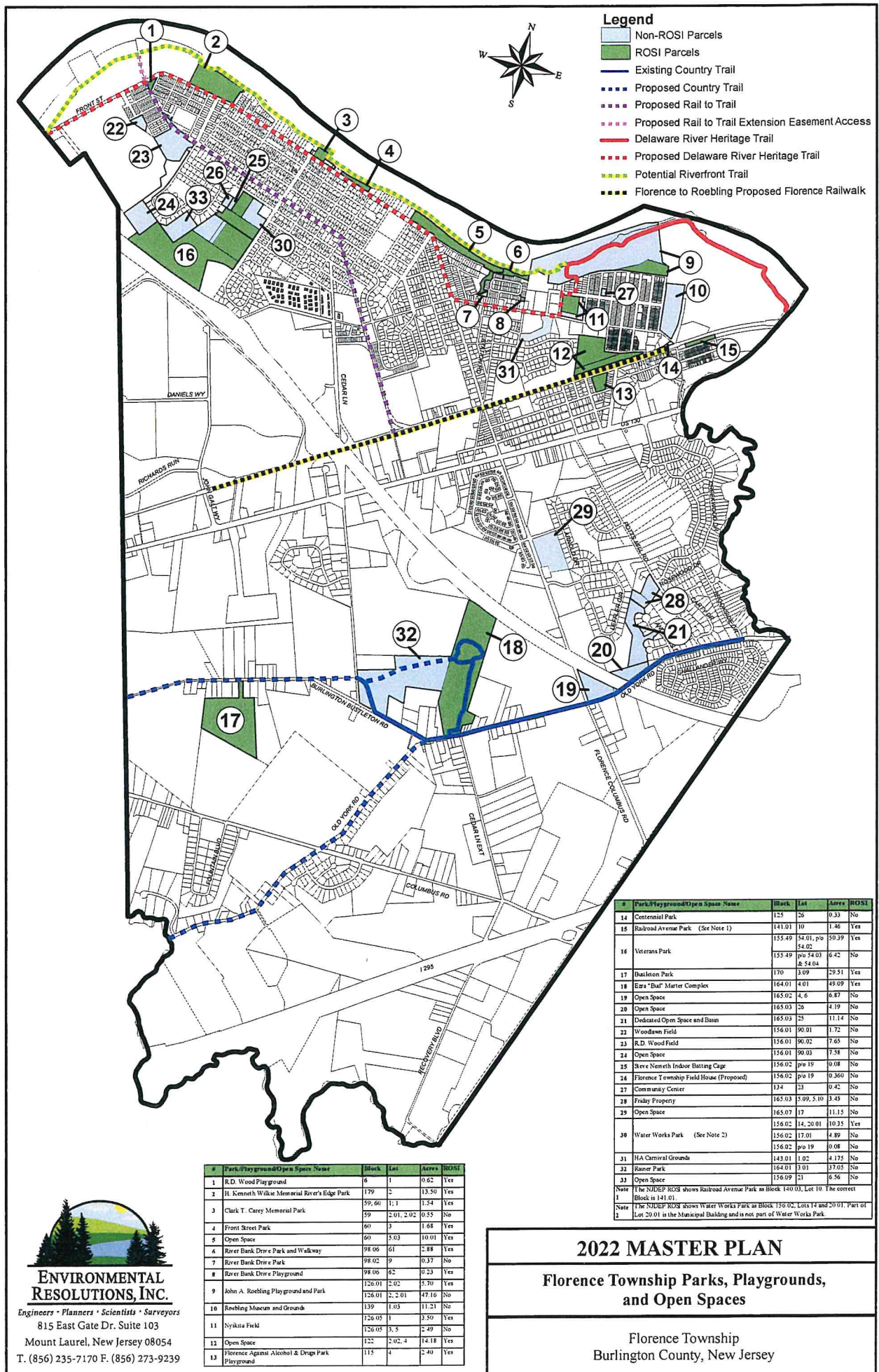
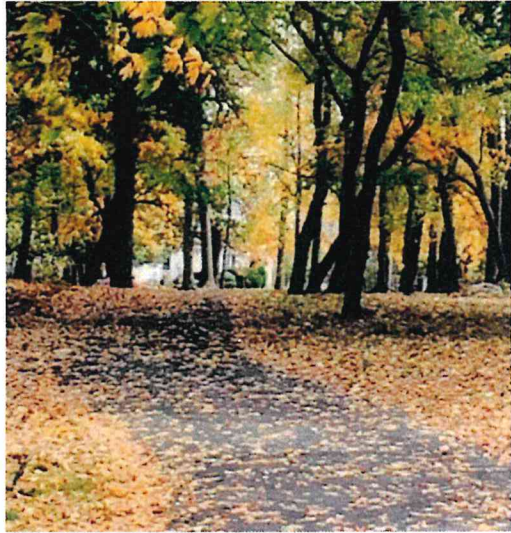


Figure VII-1. Parks, Playgrounds, Open Space and Recreation Sites

<b>Site ID Number</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Site Name</b>	<b>H. Kenneth Wilkie Memorial Rivers Edge Park</b>
<b>Block/Lot</b>	<b>Block 179, Lot 2</b>
<b>Road Location</b>	<b>West Front Street and Iron Street</b>
<b>Site Acreage</b>	<b>13.50 Acres</b>
<b>Listed on ROSI?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Facilities at Site</b>	<b>Two Fishing Piers, Walking Path along Riverfront and Throughout Park with Lighting, Water Fountain with Pet Attachment, Mutt Mitt Dog Waste Station, Three Tennis Courts with Lights, Benches, Concrete Checkers/Chess Tables and Benches, Picnic Tables, Gazebo, Soft Surface Playground for Ages 5-12.</b>



*Site 2. H. Kenneth Wilkie Memorial Rivers Edge Park.*



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<b>Site ID Number</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Clark T. Carey Memorial Park (Previously Known as Volunteer Park)</b>
<b>Block/Lot</b>	<b>Block 59, Lots 1, 20.1, 2.02 Block 60, Lot 1</b>
<b>Road Location</b>	<b>East Front Street</b>
<b>Site Acreage</b>	<b>2.09 Acres</b>
<b>Listed on ROSI?</b>	<b>Yes - Block 59, Lot 1, Block 60, Lot 1 (1.54 Acres) No - Block 59, Lots 2.01 &amp; 2.02 (0.55 Acres)</b>
<b>Facilities at Site</b>	<b>Municipal Boat Ramp and Floating Docks, Car and Car/Trailer Parking Spaces, Gazebo with Benches, Walkway along Delaware River, Memorial to Chester Sutphin and Alfred Brown and Those Serving the Township of Florence.</b>



*Site 3. Clark T. Carey Memorial Park.*

**Site ID Number**        4

**Site Name**             Front Street Park

**Block/Lot**             Block 60, Lot 3

**Road Location**        East Front Street at Walnut Street

**Site Acreage**          1.68 Acres, 780 x 100 (Irregular)

**Listed on ROSI?**        Yes

**Facilities at Site**       Split Rail Fence, Scenic Overview of River, Future Picnic Tables and Benches.



*Site 4. Riverfront Park.*

**Site ID Number**        5

**Site Name**             Open Space

**Block/Lot**             Block 60, Lot 5.03

**Road Location**        Riverview Drive

**Site Acreage**          10.01 Acres

**Listed on ROSI?**        Yes

**Facilities at Site**       Steep Slopes, No Amenities.



*Site 5. Open Space.*

**Site ID Number** 6

**Site Name** River Bank Drive Park and Walkway

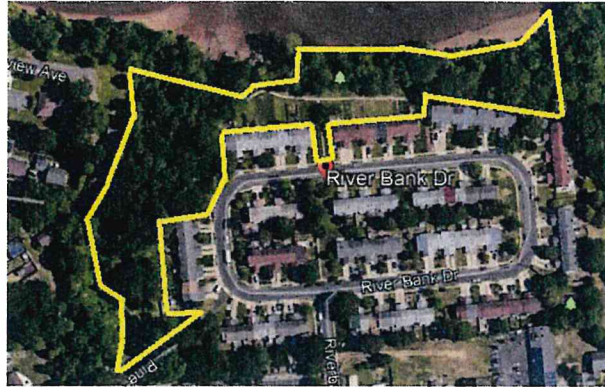
**Block/Lot** Block 98.06, Lot 61

**Road Location** River Bank Drive

**Site Acreage** 2.88 Acres

**Listed on ROSI?** Yes

**Facilities at Site** Walkways.



*Site 6. River Bank Drive Park and Walkway.*

**Site ID Number** 7

**Site Name** River Bank Drive Park

**Block/Lot** Block 98.02, Lot 9

**Road Location** River Bank Drive & Emergency Access Road

**Site Acreage** 0.37 Acres

**Listed on ROSI?** No

**Facilities at Site** Part of River Bank Drive Townhouse Development.



*Site 7. River Bank Drive Park.*

**Site ID Number** 8

**Site Name** River Bank Drive Playground

**Block/Lot** Block 98.06, Lot 62

**Road Location** River Bank Drive

**Site Acreage** 0.23 Acres, 100' x 100'

**Listed on ROSI?** Yes

**Facilities at Site** Soft Surface Playground, Lighting, Benches.



*Site 8. River Bank Drive Playground.*

**Site ID Number** 9

**Site Name** John A. Roebling Park and Playground

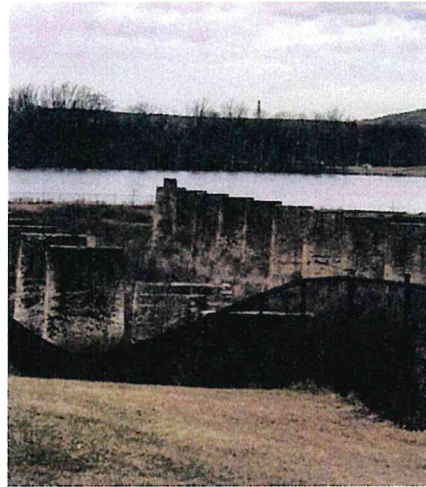
**Block/Lot** Block 126.01, Lots 2, 2.01; Block 126.01, Lot 2.02

**Road Location** Riverside Avenue and Delaware River; Riverside Avenue Between 2nd and 8th Avenues

**Site Acreage** 52.86 Acres

**Listed on ROSI?** Yes - Block 126.01, Lot 2.02 (5.7 Acres)  
No - Block 126.01, Lots 2, 2.01 (47.16 Acres)

**Facilities at Site** Soft Surface Playground, Basketball Court, Gazebo, Walkways with Lighting, Dog Park (Divided for Large and Small Dogs), Water Fountain with Pet Attachment, Picnic Area with Tables/Benches, Benches Along Walkways, Proposed Fishing Pier, Solar Lighting.

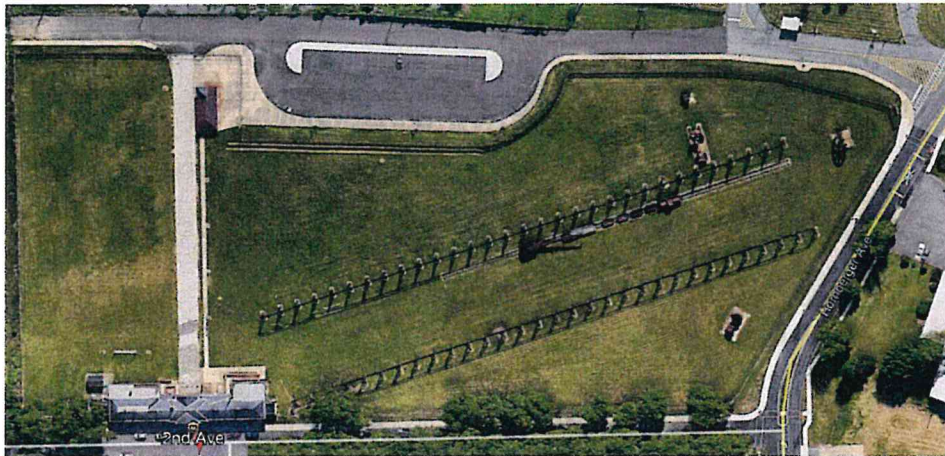


*Site 9. John A. Roebling Park.*



*Site 9. John A. Roebling Park and Playground.*

<b>Site ID Number</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Roebling Museum and Grounds</b>
<b>Block/Lot</b>	<b>Block 139, Lot 1.03</b>
<b>Road Location</b>	<b>100 Second Avenue</b>
<b>Site Acreage</b>	<b>11.21 Acres</b>
<b>Listed on ROSI?</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Facilities at Site</b>	<b>Roebling Museum and Grounds - Heritage Trail Destination.</b>



*Site 10. Roebling Museum and Grounds.*

**Site ID Number** 11

**Site Name** Nyikita Field

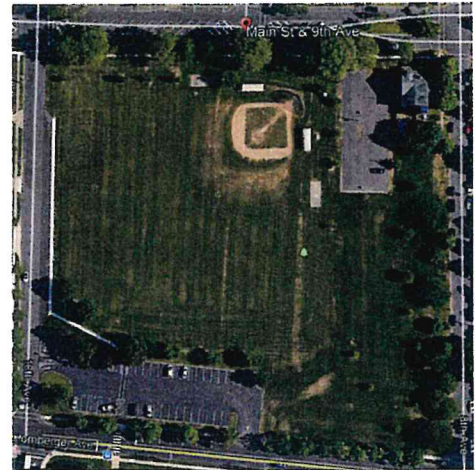
**Block/Lot** Block 126.05, Lots 1, 3, 5

**Road Location** Tenth Avenue and Main Street

**Site Acreage** 5.99 Acres, (476' x 530' Irregular)

**Listed on ROSI?** Yes - Block 126.05, Lot 1 (3.50 Acres)  
No - Block 126.05, Lots 3, 5 (2.49 Acres)

**Facilities at Site** Baseball Field, Water Faucet behind Backstop, Home and Visitor Dugouts.



*Site 11: Nyikita Field*

**Site ID Number** 12

**Site Name** Open Space

**Block/Lot** Block 122, Lots 2.02, 4

**Road Location** Hornberger Avenue and Conrail Rail Line

**Site Acreage** 14.18 Acres

**Listed on ROSI?** Yes

**Facilities at Site** Open Space.



*Site 12: Open Space*

**Site ID Number** 13

**Site Name** Florence Against Alcohol & Drugs (FAAD) Park Playground

**Block/Lot** Block 115, Lot 4

**Road Location** 515 Hamilton Avenue (Bound by Alden Avenue, Locust Street, Hamilton Avenue, Father Chukla Lane)

**Site Acreage** 2.40 Acres

**Listed on ROSI?** Yes

**Facilities at Site** Soft Surface Playground, Volleyball Pit, Picnic Tables, Outdoor Grill, Block Building with Restrooms, Meeting Space for local Non-Profit Groups (Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts).



***Site 13: Florence Against Alcohol & Drugs (FAAD) Park Playground***

<b>Site ID Number</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Centennial Park</b>
<b>Block/Lot</b>	<b>Block 125, Lot 26</b>
<b>Road Location</b>	<b>Hornberger Avenue at Railroad</b>
<b>Site Acreage</b>	<b>0.33 Acres (110' x 197' Irregular)</b>
<b>Listed on ROSI?</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Facilities at Site</b>	<b>Site Lighting, Flagpole, Memorial Sign Dedicated to People Who Served during War that were from Roebling.</b>



***Site 14: Centennial Park***

**Site ID Number** 15  
**Site Name** Railroad Avenue Park  
**Block/Lot** Block 141.01, Lot 10  
**Road Location** Railroad Avenue  
**Site Acreage** 1.46 Acres (690' x 92')  
**Listed on ROSI?** No  
**Facilities at Site** Soft Surface Playground, Fenced Basketball Court.



*Site 15: Railroad Avenue Park*

<b>Site ID Number</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Veterans Park</b>
<b>Block/Lot</b>	<b>Block 155.49, Lots 54.01, 54.02, 54.03, 54.04</b>
<b>Road Location</b>	<b>Broad Street at Ninth Street</b>
<b>Site Acreage</b>	<b>69.24 Acres</b>
<b>Listed on ROSI?</b>	<b>Yes - Block 155.49, Lots 54.01, 54.02 (57.93 Acres)</b> <b>No -Block 155.49, Lots 54.03 &amp; 54.04 (11.31 Acres)</b>
<b>Facilities at Site</b>	<p><b><i>Veterans Park Playground</i></b>, Broad Street at Sixth Street. Soft Surface Playground, Walking Path next to Playground, Benches.</p> <p><b><i>Veterans Park Tot Lot</i></b>, Broad Street at Ninth Street. Soft Surface Tot Lot, Water Fountain, Benches, Walking Path next to Playground.</p> <p><b><i>Veterans Park Softball Field</i></b>, Broad Street and Ninth Street (At Left Side of Corner at Entrance). Softball, Sprinkler System, Home &amp; Visitor Dugouts. Bleachers (Front of Municipal Building).</p> <p><b><i>Veterans Park Baseball Field</i></b>, Broad Street and Ninth Street (At Right Side of Parking Area, Next to Olaff Field). Baseball, Concession Stand (Same Stand Used for Recreation Football), Home and Visitors Dugout, Bleachers.</p> <p><b><i>Veterans Park Football Playing Field</i></b>, Broad Street and Ninth Street (Far End Beyond Parking Area). Football, Concession Stand (Same Stand Used for Recreation Baseball), Sprinkler System. Bleachers.</p> <p><b><i>Veterans Park Football Practice Field</i></b>, Broad Street and Ninth Street (Far End Beyond Playing Field). Unfenced Football Field, Field Lights, Sprinkler System, Bleachers.</p> <p><b><i>Veterans Park Soccer Field</i></b>, Broad Street and Ninth Street (At Left Side of Parking Area). Soccer Field (Next to Veterans Park Softball), Field Lights, Sprinkler System, Bleachers.</p> <p><b><i>Veterans Park Basketball Courts</i></b>, Summer Street (At End). Two Basketball Courts with Lights, Water Fountain with Pet Attachment, Benches.</p> <p><b><i>Veterans Park Field Hockey Fields</i></b>, Summer Street (At End). Field Hockey (Primary), Soccer (Secondary), Bleachers.</p>



*Site 16: Veterans Park Playground and Tot Lot*

***Municipal Complex Walking Paths***, Walking paths are situated through and around the entire municipal complex grounds spanning the area between Veterans Park and Waterworks Park field areas. Mile markers are situated along the pathways with benches, picnic tables, pet friendly water fountain and Mutt Mitt pet waste station located in designated areas.



*Site 16: Veterans Park Walking Path*



***Site 16: Veterans Park Walkway and Basketball Courts***

<b>Site ID Number</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Bustleton Park</b>
<b>Block/Lot</b>	<b>Block 170, Lot 3.09</b>
<b>Road Location</b>	<b>Bustleton Road</b>
<b>Site Acreage</b>	<b>29.51 Acres</b>
<b>Listed on ROSI?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Facilities at Site</b>	<b>Vacant Woodlands.</b>



***Site 17: Bustleton Park***

**Site ID Number**        **18**

**Site Name**            **Ezra “Bud” Marter Recreation Complex**

**Block/Lot**            **Old York Road and Florence-Bustleton Road/Cedar Lane**

**Road Location**       **Block 164.01, Lots 3.01, 4.01**

**Site Acreage**         **84.14 Acres**

**Listed on ROSI?**      **Yes - Block 164.01, Lot 4.01 (49.09 Acres))**  
                                 **No - Block 164.01, Lot 3.01 (37.05 Acres)**

**Facilities at Site**     **Four Soccer Fields, Block Storage Shed, Sprinkler Systems at all Four**  
                                 **Fields, Soft Surface Playground, Walking Path Between Upper and**  
                                 **Lower Fields.**



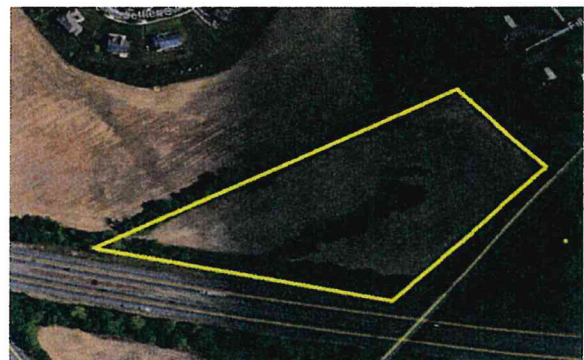
***Site 18: Ezra “Bud” Marter Recreation Complex Playground***

**Site ID Number**      19  
**Site Name**            Open Space  
**Block/Lot**            Block 165.02, Lots 4, 6  
**Road Location**       Old York Road  
**Site Acreage**          6.87 Acres  
**Listed on ROSI?**      No  
**Facilities at Site**      Open Space.



*Site 19: Open Space*

**Site ID Number**      20  
**Site Name**            Open Space  
**Block/Lot**            Block 165.03, Lot 26  
**Road Location**       Old York Road  
**Site Acreage**          4.19 Acres  
**Listed on ROSI?**      No  
**Facilities at Site**      Open Space.



*Site 20: Open Space*

**Site ID Number**      21  
**Site Name**            Dedicated Open  
Space and Basin  
**Block/Lot**            Block 165.03, Lot 25  
**Road Location**       Old York Road  
**Site Acreage**          11.14 Acres  
**Listed on ROSI?**      No  
**Facilities at Site**      Open Space and  
Stormwater Basin.



*Site 21: Dedicated Open Space and Basin*

**Site ID Number**      22  
**Site Name**            Woodlawn Field  
**Block/Lot**            Block 156.01, Lot 90.01  
**Road Location**       Woodlawn Avenue and West Fourth Street at Richardson Street  
**Site Acreage**        1.72 Acres  
**Listed on ROSI?**     No  
**Facilities at Site**     Softball (Primary) Soccer (Secondary), Lights on Basketball Court, Water Fountain with Pet Attachment and Mutt Mitt Pet Waste Station.



*Site 22: Woodlawn Field*

**Site ID Number**      23  
**Site Name**            R. D. Wood Field  
**Block/Lot**            Block 156.01, Lot 90.02  
**Road Location**       West Fifth Street and Eyre Street at End of Bodine Avenue  
**Site Acreage**        7.65 Acres  
**Listed on ROSI?**     No  
**Facilities at Site**     Baseball Field (Primary) Soccer Field (Secondary).



*Site 23: R. D. Wood Field*

**Site ID Number** 24

**Site Name** Open Space

**Block/Lot** Block 156.01, Lot 90.03

**Road Location** Southwest of Seaman Drive at Tetkoski Court

**Site Acreage** 7.58 Acres

**Listed on ROSI?** No

**Facilities at Site** Open Space. Part of a Conservation Area with a Trail.



*Site 24: Open Space*

**Site ID Number** 25

**Site Name** Steve Nemeth Indoor Batting Cage

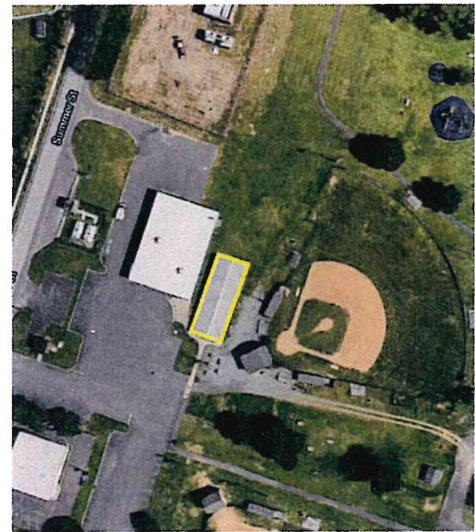
**Block/Lot** Block 156.02, Lot 19

**Road Location** 650 Summer Street. Eastern Side of the Lot

**Site Acreage** 0.08 Acres

**Listed on ROSI?** No

**Facilities at Site** Baseball (Primary), Softball (Secondary), Illuminated Building, Storage Room.



*Site 25: Steve Nemeth Indoor Batting Cage*

**Site ID Number** 26

**Site Name** Florence Township Field House (Proposed)

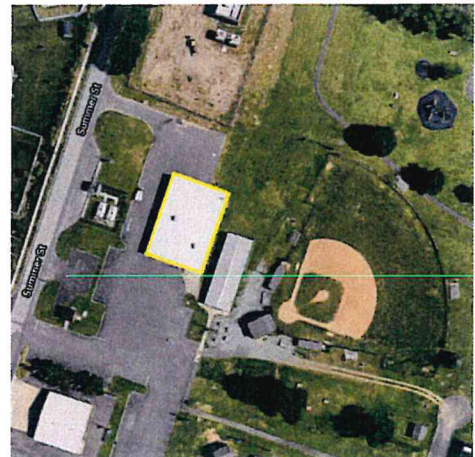
**Block/Lot** Block 156.02, Lot 19

**Road Location** 650 Summer Street. Western Side of the Lot

**Site Acreage** 0.36 Acres

**Listed on ROSI?** No

**Facilities at Site** None Existing, Restrooms, Fitness and Recreation Classes Proposed.



*Site 26: Florence Field House*

**Site ID Number** 27  
**Site Name** Florence Community Center  
**Block/Lot** Block 134, Lot 23  
**Road Location** 69 Main Street  
**Site Acreage** 0.42 Acres  
**Listed on ROSI?** No  
**Facilities at Site** Hall Rentals, Speaking Engagements, Community Use.



*Site 27: Florence Community Center*

**Site ID Number** 28  
**Site Name** Friday Property  
**Block/Lot** Block 165.03, Lots 5.09, 5.10  
**Road Location** 1042 Potts Mill Road  
**Site Acreage** 5.88 Acres  
**Listed on ROSI?** No  
**Facilities at Site** Meeting Space for Girl and Boy Scout Organizations.



*Site 28: Friday Property*

**Site ID Number** 29  
**Site Name** Open Space  
**Block/Lot** Block 165.07, Lot 17  
**Road Location** Florence-Columbus Road  
**Site Acreage** 11.15 Acres  
**Listed on ROSI?** No  
**Facilities at Site** Open Space.



*Site 29: Open Space*

<b>Site ID Number</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Water Works Park</b>
<b>Block/Lot</b>	<b>Block 156.02, Lots 14, 17.01, 19, 20.01</b>
<b>Road Location</b>	<b>Sixth Street and Broad Street</b>
<b>Site Acreage</b>	<b>16.535 Acres</b>
<b>Listed on ROSI?</b>	<p><b>Yes - Block 156.02, Lots 14, 20.01, (10.035 Acres)</b></p> <p><b>No - Block 156.02, Lot 17.01, 19 (6.5 Acres)</b> The NJDEP ROSI shows Water Works Park as Block 156.02, Lots 14 and 20.01. Lot 20.01 is the Municipal Building and is not part of Water Works Park.</p>
<b>Facilities at Site</b>	<p><b><i>Susan Muchowski Memorial Field</i></b>, Broad Street at Northern Entrance to Municipal Driveway Leading to Rear Parking Lot. Softball Field, Field Lights, Concession Stand, Sprinkler System, Home and Visitor Dugouts, Picnic Tables, Bleachers.</p> <p><b><i>Water Works Field</i></b>, Broad Street and West Sixth Street at Rear of American Legion Parking Lot (Middle Field in Complex). Baseball &amp; Softball, Water Faucet behind Backstop, Home and Visitor Dugouts, Bleachers.</p> <p><b><i>Richard Coates Memorial Field</i></b>, Off Summer Street (Through Parking Area-Left Side). Baseball Field Lights, Concession Stand, Sprinkler System, Home and Visitor Dugouts, Bleachers. Frank Forsythe Concession Stand Adjacent to the Field.</p> <p><b><i>Eugene A. Olaff Field</i></b>, Off Summer Street (Through Parking Area-Right Side). Baseball, Field Lights, Storage Building, Sprinkle System, Home and Visitor Dugouts, Bleachers.</p> <p><b><i>Municipal Complex Walking Paths</i></b>, Walking paths are situated through and around the entire municipal complex grounds spanning the area between Veterans Park and Waterworks Park field areas. Mile markers are situated along the pathways with benches, picnic tables, pet friendly water fountain and Mutt Mitt pet waste station</p> <p><b><i>Other Facilities</i></b>, Playground, Steve Nemeth Batting Cage Building, Girls Softball Batting Cage (Fenced Area), Small Storage Area.</p>



*Site 30: WaterWorks Park*

<b>Site ID Number</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Site Name</b>	<b>HA Carnival Grounds</b>
<b>Block/Lot</b>	<b>Block 143.01, Lot 1.02</b>
<b>Road Location</b>	<b>Hornberger Avenue &amp; Parish Lane</b>
<b>Site Acreage</b>	<b>4.175 Acres</b>
<b>Listed on ROSI?</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Facilities at Site</b>	<b>Open Space.</b>
<b>Site Acreage</b>	<b>4.175 Acres</b>



*Site 31: HA Carnival Grounds*

**Site ID Number** 32  
**Site Name** Rainer Park  
**Block/Lot** Block 164.01, Lot 3.01  
**Road Location** Cedar Lane  
**Site Acreage** 37.05 Acres  
**Listed on ROSI?** No  
**Facilities at Site** Farm, Open Space, Bike Path and Lighting.



*Site 32: Rainer Park*

**Site ID Number** 33  
**Site Name** Open Space  
**Block/Lot** Block 156.09, Lot 21  
**Road Location** Rear of Seaman & Pigott Drive  
**Site Acreage** 6.56 Acres  
**Listed on ROSI?** No  
**Facilities at Site** Open Space



*Site 33: Open Space*

### C. Proposed Park Improvements and Programs

As the Inventory of Existing Parks and Recreation Areas shows, the Township of Florence provides a variety of parks, playgrounds, open space areas, walkways and sports fields to its residents. The Recreation Department plans to provide additional programs at existing facilities as follows:

1. **Community Zen Garden.** Broad Street at Ninth Street. Plans are for an Eagle Scout candidate to construct in Veteran's Park a Community Zen Garden with benches, and a garden with Butterfly Bushes and other vegetation. A hose bib may be included to water the landscaping.
2. **Florence Township Field House.** Summer Street. Plans are to renovate the existing former Florence Township Municipal Garage. Renovations include making the facility ADA compliant, adding a male and female restroom, establish rubberized or turf surface, replace existing heating elements, empty and power wash the inside of the building, and creating space for recreation and community use.
3. **Health & Wellness Initiative.** Plans include Florence Township to be designated as a "healthy community." This includes creation of various exercise based programs for residents to participate in at no charge. The Township will further establish and promote the use of community parks and walking paths, host annual community wellness events, refurbish the municipal website to include health and wellness tips, and utilize local, county and state resources that support physical and mental health needs. The Township also plans to create outdoor exercise stations within community parks in the area of walking paths.
4. **Community Garden in Roebling.** The vacant Lot 20 in Block 125 is under consideration for a future Community Garden in Roebling.
5. **Splash Pad.** A Future Splash Pad on Township Property is under consideration. The location for the Splash Pad is to be determined.

### D. Existing and Proposed Trails

*Figure VII-1.* shows existing Parks, Playgrounds, Open Space and Recreation Sites. In addition, existing and proposed trail systems and networks are shown on *Figure VII-1.*

The trail system includes the Existing Country Trail (shown in a solid blue line) along Old York Road to a loop trail in the Ezra "Bud" Marter Complex. The trail continues on Old York Road westward to Burlington-Bustleton Road and through Rainer Park. A Proposed Country Trail (shown in a dashed blue line) would continue westward on Burlington-Bustleton Road to the Township border with Burlington Township. In addition, a Proposed Country Trail would connect to

the existing loop trail in the Ezra “Bud” Marter Complex and continue through Rainer Park and connect to the existing trail on the western side of the Rainer Park. Another Proposed Country Trail would continue along Old York Road south of the intersection with Burlington-Bustleton Road to the Township border with Springfield Township.

A Proposed Rail to Trail system (shown in a violet dashed line) is shown along Walker’s Road and the Conrail rail line that runs in a generally north to south direction, starting at the intersection of the Conrail rail line that runs in an east to west direction through the Township. The trail would continue to Fifth Street along which it will continue and connect to R.D. Wood Field and continue northwest to West Front Street. At West Front Street, the trail would connect to a Proposed Rail to Trail Extension Easement Access (shown in a dashed pink line) to the east of the Florence Turnpike Crossing West warehouse along a former railroad line and lead to a cul-de-sac sitting area just south of the Delaware Riverfront.

The Delaware River Heritage Trail (shown in a solid red line) is an existing trail through John A. Roebling Park that leads to the Conrail rail line that runs in a generally east to west direction through the Township. Proposed Delaware River Heritage Trail (dashed red line) is shown to the south and west of John A. Roebling Park. The Proposed trail would follow existing roadways including 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Main Street, Tenth Avenue along the western side of Nyikita Field to Hornberger Avenue, and westward to Delaware Avenue. At this point the trail would turn west along Front Street to the Township border with Burlington Township.

A Potential Riverfront Trail (yellow and green dashed line), is shown along the Delaware River from the western Township boundary line with Burlington Township and would ultimately connect to the existing Delaware River Heritage Trail in John A. Roebling Park.

Finally, a Proposed Florence to Roebling Railwalk is shown (yellow and black dashed line) along the east to west Conrail rail line.